ARKANSAS

BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 9 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

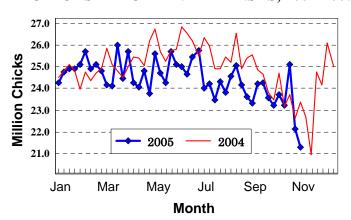
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 21.3 million during the week ending November 12, 2005. Placements were down 9 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through November 12, 2005 were 1.12 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.5 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

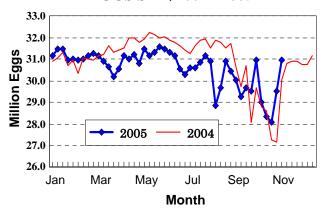
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 12, 2005, up 3 percent from the same period last year, and up 5 percent from the revised previous week.

	NET :	PLACEMEN	NTS	CHIC	CKS HATC	HED	EGGS SET			
Week			%			%			%	
Ending	2004	2005	Change	2004	2005	Change	2004	2005	Change	
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Oct. 8	23,492	23,250	99	25,524	24,379	99	29,684	30,967	104	
Oct. 15	24,724	23,736	96	25,353	24,548	97	28,802	29,008	101	
Oct. 22	23,205	23,224	100	23,259	24,472	105	28,574	28,357	99	
Oct. 29	23,732	25,082	106	24,573	25,779	105	27,242	28,060	103	
Nov. 5	22,634	22,153	98	23,869	23,994	101	27,142	29,546	109	
Nov. 12	23,357	21,297	91	23,693	23,467	99	30,052	30,983	103	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
STATE	22-Oct	29-Oct	05-Nov	12-Nov	%	08-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	29-Oct	05-Nov	12-Nov	%
Alabama	30,786 *	29,661	30,649	30,673	106	21,140	20,939	21,642	20,934	19,932	20,231	105
ARKANSAS	28,357 *	28,060	29,546 *	30,983	103	23,250	23,736	23,224	25,082	22,153 *	21,297	91
Delaware	3,690	3,289	3,820	3,484	101	5,142	5,466	5,940	5,289	4,912	5,960	109
Florida	1,399 *	1,383	1,374	1,374	103	1,492	1,471	1,583	1,567	1,646	1,542	95
Georgia	31,405 *	31,494	32,339	32,520	97	25,903	26,400	25,929 *	25,934 *	25,686 *	25,733	106
Kentucky	6,105 *	6,877 *	6,838 *	6,900	98	5,344	6,127	5,711	6,051 *	5,393 *	4,952	94
Louisiana	3,834	4,136	3,834	4,136	104	3,260	3,381	3,993	3,871	3,920	3,694	109
Maryland	8,737	8,467	8,820	8,842	105	5,296	4,958	4,679	5,388	5,933	4,781	107
Mississippi	17,731 *	16,619	18,246	17,914	94	15,415	16,535	15,641	15,771	14,936	16,223	99
N. Carolina	18,099 *	18,492 *	17,365	18,156	99	13,917	14,620	14,691	13,853 *	14,433	14,751	104
Oklahoma	6,619	6,337	6,322 *	6,606	100	5,028	3,965	4,566	5,218	5,542 *	5,395	114
Pennsylvania	3,739	3,741 *	3,903 *	4,022	107	2,784	2,913	3,095	3,034 *	3,036 *	2,714	99
S. Carolina	5,029	4,471	4,691	4,937	109	4,476	3,630	4,838	5,049	4,243	4,273	91
Texas	13,223 *	13,651 *	15,133 *	14,891	103	12,299	12,960	10,370	12,100	12,352	11,137	102
Virginia	6,190	6,373	6,511	6,374	101	4,925	4,922	4,651	4,933	4,859	4,976	97
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,252 *	17,421 *	17,521 *	18,203	100	16,218 *	16,216 *	16,013 *	16,167 *	16,118 *	17,332	109
Total 2005	202,195 *	200,472 *	206,912 *	210,015		165,889 *	168,239 *	166,566 *	170,241 *	165,094 *	164,991	
Total 2004	194,298	197,554	200,982	207,845		160,797	164,297	164,597	165,442	161,494	161,853	
% Prev. Year	104	101	103	101		103	102	101	103	102	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005							03-Dec	10-Dec	17-Dec	24-Dec	31-Dec	

^{*} Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 210 million eggs during the week ending November 12, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 12, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through November 12, 2005 were 7.84 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.